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# GENEALOGY

OF THE FAMILY OF

# JOHN AND WAIT POTTER,

BEING A

COMPLETE LIST OF ALL THEIR DESCENDANTS, TOGETHER WITH THEIR  
ANCESTRAL LINES IN AMERICA.

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### 1st Generation.

Robert Potter came from England to America in 1628. He first settled in Salem, Mass., but about ten years later he removed to Rhode Island. On the 16th, 5th mo., 1638, in a "Catalogue of the Inhabitants of the Island now called Aquedneck," Robert Potter's name appears. April 30, 1639, his name appears among the inhabitants of Portsmouth, who then and there "bound themselves into a civill body politicke" for the government of the town. On the first of the fifth month (July) same year, he was chosen surveyor of highways, and to lay out roads in the new town.

January 12, 1642, the great sachem Myantonomy, deeds the Warwick lands to Samuel Gorton, William Raulston, Robert Potter, and others, eleven in all.

April 19, 1644, Robert Potter was one of the witnesses of the deed of submission of Pessicus and the other sachems of the Nanhigansetts to King Charles.

The colony of Massachusetts Bay claimed jurisdiction over the Warwick territory, and about this time they seized Gorton, Potter, and others, and took them to Boston for trial. Robert's wife, who accompanied him, fell ill from the hardships of the journey, and died, and was buried in the woods. Gorton was taken to England, but the others were imprisoned in Boston, for about two years, when they were released, and returned to their settlement.

In 1648-51 and 52, Robert Potter was one of the assistants or commissioners from Warwick, in the General Assembly.

*The Children of Robert and Isabella Potter were*

### 2d Generation.

Robert, Anthony, Ichabod, Ruth, Deliverance, and JOHN. John was clerk of the colony, and for several years assistant from Warwick, and was much employed in public business of various kinds, till his death. He married Ruth Fisher. He died in 1694.

*Children of John and Ruth Potter.***3d Generation.**

Robert, b. March 5, 1666; Fisher, b. June 12, 1667; JOHN, b. Nov. 27, 1668; William, b. May 23, 1671; Samuel, b. Jan. 10, 1673; Isabella, b. Oct. 17, 1674; Ruth, b. Nov. 29, 1676; Edward, b. Nov. 25, 1678; Content, b. Oct. 2, 1680.

John married Jane Burlingame. They lived in Providence, now Cranston. He was killed by the fall of a tree, in 1711.

*Children of John and Jane Potter.***4th Generation.**

John, b. 1692; William, Amy, Mary, FISHER, b. Sept. 29, 1706; d. 1789; and Alice.

Fisher Potter married Mary Winsor,\* Nov. 10, 1728. They lived in what is now Cranston, on a farm on the westerly side of Pochasset river, near Newtakonkanut. They removed from there to Scituate, March, 1741-2.

*The Children of Fisher and Mary Potter were***5th Generation.**

Philip, b. Aug. 27, 1729; Samuel, b. Jan. 10, 1731; Mary, b. Dec. 23, 1733; Fisher, b. June 10, 1735; Jeremiah, b. March 10, 1737; Phebe, b. May 20, 1742; Christopher, b. Aug. 22, 1744; JOHN, b. Nov. 11, 1747; and Winsor, b. Jan. 15, 1749.

John Potter, son of Fisher and Mary, resided with his parents, in Scituate. The house, the cellar of which is still to be seen, stood on the west side of the road, near the top of the hill, about a third of a mile south of the Four Corners.

At the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, John was at work at his trade, a stone mason, about two miles below Pawtuxet. He heard, in the early morning, the alarm bells ringing in Providence, for the advance of the British on Concord and Lexington. He walked to Providence and heard the call for troops, went to Scituate and from there to Hopkins' Mills, where his militia company met, and, volunteering, with others, marched from there to Providence that night, where the news had arrived that the affair was over, and that they would not be needed then, but to hold themselves in readiness to go at a moment's warning. His walk of thirty-eight miles, that day, satisfied him with foot service, and he then enlisted in a troop of horse, and entered the service soon after.

\*ROGER WILLIAMS' daughter, Mercy, married Resolved Waterman, and had by him five children. After his death she married Samuel Winsor, and had three children, SAMUEL, Joshua, and Hannah. Samuel Winsor, son of Samuel and Mercy, married Mercy Harding. They had two sons and seven daughters, the second of whom, Mary (born Aug. 5, 1707), married Fisher Potter.

He was detailed as a "rider," or messenger, and in that capacity went from place to place, carrying orders and news.

At the expiration of his first term of enlistment, he married, Sept. 8, 1777, Wait Waterman\* (born Dec. 17, 1750). They lived in the "old red house," (still standing at about the middle of the north side of the main street, in North Scituate,) and there his three eldest children were born. During these years he served as "picket-guard" on the shores near Point Judith, guarding against boat expeditions from the British fleet, foraging the country.

Towards the close of the war, he was commissioned as Ensign in the company of minute men in Scituate, but it is uncertain whether he was ever in the field with that company.

At the close of the war, he built the house south of the Four Corners, where he afterwards lived till his death. After peace was established, John and Wait joined the Society of Friends. They had long been of that belief, but he would not join till the fighting was over. John died Feb. 14, 1825, Wait, Jan. 10, 1835. Their graves are in the family burying-ground on the farm, beside those of Fisher and Mary.

*Children of John and Wait Potter.*

	CHILDREN.	BORN.	DIED.	MARRIED.
6th Gen.	Sally.	Mar. 29, 1779.	Sept. 18, 1868.	
	Waterman.	Mar. 18, 1782.	May 20, 1852.	{ Clarissa Walcott. Oct. 3, 1813. Tryphena Steadman. Mar. 25, 1824.
	Elizabeth.	Mar. 14, 1784.	Mar. 11, 1823.	Peter Cushman. Oct. 24, 1802.
	Mary.	May 7, 1786.	Jan. 21, 1855.	William Smith. Dec. 28, 1807.
	John.	Jan. 25, 1789.	Aug. 3, 1872.	Mary Arnold. Apr. 18, 1813.
	Waity.	Apr. 14, 1791.	Aug. 3, 1837.	
	Jeremy.	Dec. 18, 1795.	May 3, 1879.	{ Amey Harris. Oct. 13, 1822. Eliza (Harris) Hamilton. Mar. 30, 1838.

*Children of Waterman and Clarissa Potter.*

7th Gen.	William Augustus.	Oct. 2, 1814.	July 29, 1826.	
	John Waterman.	June 13, 1816.	Mar. 3, 1818.	
	Elizabeth Wheeler.	June 28, 1818.	Nov. 7, 1880.	James A. Harris. May 26, 1842.
	Henry Walcott.	Feb. 17, 1820.	July 5, 1842.	
	Edward Waterman.	Apr. 25, 1823.		Malora Walker. Sept. 19, 1847.

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\*Wait was daughter of Col. John and Sally (Fenner) Waterman. John was son of Joseph Waterman, Jr. He was son of Joseph and Judith (Sprague) Waterman. This first Joseph was son of Nathaniel, Jr., and Mary (Olney) Waterman. He was son of Nathaniel and Susanna (Carder) Waterman. Nathaniel was eldest son of Col. Richard Waterman, the companion of Roger Williams.

*Children of Waterman and Tryphena Potter.*

	CHILDREN	BORN.	DIED.	MARRIED.
7th Gen. <i>Continued</i>	John Siedman.	Feb. 20, 1826.	{ Mary A. Cushing. Mary L. Carmine.	May 15, 1856. 1881.
	Albert (M. D.).	Feb. 28, 1831.		Urania T. Harris. June 10, 1855.

*Children of Peter and Elizabeth Cushman.*

Sarah.	1804.	Dec. 29, 1839.	John Harris.	
Mary Ann.	Jan. 30, 1806.	Mar. 2, 1833.	Isaac Saunders.	July 4, 1830.
Eliza.	Jan. 19, 1809.	Dec. 12, 1845.	Dr. George Keifer.	Oct. 27, 1833.

*Children of William and Mary Smith.*

Emily P.	Mar. 31, 1808.	Sept. 1, 1875.	Benjamin B. Aldrich.	
Fenner.	Apr. 20, 1810.		{ Eliza Fenner. Sarah (Stokes) Gilbert.	Jan. 1, 1833.
Henry.	Mar. 19, 1812.		Emeline F. Paine.	Nov. 14, 1839.
Lydia W.	Mar. 17, 1814.		Jesse Armstrong.	Feb. 20, 1834.
William G.	Mar. 23, 1816.		Eliza A. Smith.	
Mary E.	Oct. 26, 1819.			
Waity C.	Mar. 20, 1822.		Harley P. Angell.	Mar. 6, 1845.
Sarah C.	July 17, 1824.			
Clarissa W.	Sept. 11, 1826.	June 27, 1827.		

*Children of John and Mary Potter.*

Phebe W.	Nov. 9, 1819.		Thomas W. Gardiner.	Feb. 28, 1850.
Philip A.	Nov. 28, 1821.			
William H.	Mar. 12, 1823.		Lydia A. Steere.	Apr. 15, 1852.
Elizabeth C.	Mar. 15, 1825.			
Caroline F.	Apr. 20, 1827.			
John W.	Dec. 30, 1828.		Jennie E. Sheldon.	Jan. 22, 1880.
Mary Ann.	Nov. 15, 1831.			
Isaac M.	Aug. 23, 1833.		Josephine E. Arnold.	Oct. 28, 1875.

*Children of Jeremy and Amey Potter.*

James Aldrich.	Aug. 30, 1823.		Mary F. Hopkins.	May 25, 1849.
William Augustus.	Oct. 27, 1826.	May 18, 1880.	{ Elizabeth M. Smith. Mattie J. Hammond.	Sept. 11, 1855. Sept. 25, 1866.
Charles Harris.	June 1, 1830.		Amanda Patterson.	Sept. 29, 1856.
Henry Angell.	Apr. 10, 1835.		Hannah L. Smith.	June 28, 1866.

*Child of Jeremy and Eliza Potter.*

	CHILDREN.	BORN.	DIED.	MARRIED.	
7th Gen.	Amie Eliza.	Dec. 10, 1845.		George N. Steere.	Apr. 18, 1867.
	<i>Continued.</i>				

*Children of James A. and Elizabeth W. Harris.*

8th Gen.	Clara W.	July 16, 1843.	Aug. 6, 1843.		
	Silas W.	June 12, 1845.	June 30, 1845.		
	Maria T.	Nov. 8, 1849.			
	Edward P.	June 15, 1853.		Elnora Knight.	Dec. 25, 1879.
	George A. (M. D.)	May 19, 1855.		Ella L. Smith.	June 9, 1879.
	Henry W.	Sept. 4, 1858.		Josephine E. Steere.	Oct. 1, 1880.

*Children of Edward W. and Malora Potter.*

	Clarissa Elizabeth.	Aug. 2, 1848.		Charles D. Griggs,	June 18, 1878.
	William H.	Apr. 12, 1850.		Annie Linley.	Dec. 18, 1880.
	George E.	Apr. 12, 1860.	Apr. 28, 1861.		

*Children of John S. and Mary L. Potter.*

Albert C.	Jan. 12, 1882.	June 5, 1882.	
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*Children of Dr. Albert and Urania T. Potter.*

Charles.	Nov. 20, 1858.	Ann Janet Sayles.	Oct. 6, 1878.
Frank H.	Dec. 25, 1866.		

*Children of John and Sarah Harris.*

Albert H.	Feb. 10, 1831.	Nov. 17, 1854.	
Mary E.	June 17, 1833.	William Webber.	Feb. 3, 1858.
James C.	July 17, 1838.	Apr. 10, 1865.	Sarah Aldrich.
			Jan. 21, 1861.

*Children of Isaac and Mary A. Saunders.*

Elizabeth P.	Apr. 5, 1831.	Aug. 25, 1857.
Mary A.	Feb. 10, 1833.	

*Children of Dr. George and Eliza Keifer.*

	CHILDREN.	BORN.	DIED.	MARRIED
8th Gen. <i>Continued</i>	Charles L.	Aug. 27, 1834.	July 16, 1836.	
	Mary E.	May 19, 1837.		George H. Coles. Oct. 9, 1855.
	George L.	May 5, 1839.	Mar. 23, 1840.	
	Asa C.	Apr. 4, 1841.		Hattie Osbison. June 11, 1873.
	Sarah J.	Apr. 4, 1841.		W. R. Brandriff. June 10, 1869.
	Henrietta.	Sept. 19, 1843.		
	Eliza C.	Nov. 14, 1845.	Aug. 2, 1864.	

*Children of Benjamin B. and Emily P. Aldrich.*

William S.	June 29, 1827.	July 6, 1850.	Ruth Davis.	
Charissa P.	Feb. 5, 1829.	Mar. 29, 1855.	Samuel G. Sweet.	
James.	Feb. 7, 1831.		Mary J. Franklin.	
Elsy Ann.	June 6, 1833.	Feb. 15, 1866.	{ Hiram W. Potter, Jr. Charles J. Greene.	
Infant (son).	Dec. 27, 1835.	Feb. 14, 1836.		
Elinor E.	Mar. 12, 1837.	Nov. 2, 1837.		
Gilbert A.	Aug. 1838.	Nov. 2, 1838.		
Henry.	Oct. 1, 1839.	Sept. 14, 1841.		
Charles H.	Sept. 25, 1842.		Susie E. Mathewson.	May 28, 1881.
Mary E.	Apr. 29, 1844.		Calvin J. Adams.	June 26, 1874.

*Children of Fenner and Eliza Smith.*

James F.	Oct. 21, 1833.	Phebe Angell.	May 9, 1858.
Henry S.	May 24, 1835.	Annie Wilbor.	

*Children of Henry and Emmeline Smith.*

Edwin A.	Apr. 3, 1843.	Hattie J. Deane.	Apr. 24, 1884.
Emma F.	Mar. 30, 1848.	Cyril A. Babcock.	

*Children of Jesse and Lydia W. Armstrong.*

Job A.	Jan. 6, 1835.	Julia Davis.	
William S.	Mar. 30, 1839.	Nancy L. Francis.	

*Children of William G. and Eliza A. Smith.*

	CHILDREN.	BORN.	DIED.	MARRIED.	
8th Gen.	Frank C.	Sept. 21, 1850.	Feb. 6, 1851.		
<i>Continued.</i>	Evelyn E.	Mar. 16, 1853.		Henry C. Grayson.	Sept. 16, 1864.
	Mary C.	June 10, 1855.		Dr. Elmer Fiske.	June 10, 1884.
	Phebe M.	May 15, 1861.			

*Children of Harley P. and Waity C. Angell.*

Ostrander S.	Apr. 3, 1848.	Sept. 22, 1849.		
Newton E.	Jan. 9, 1850.		Jennie A. Knight.	Jan. 9, 1877.
William H.	Jan. 25, 1853.		Charlotte B. Wilbor.	May 28, 1880.
Charles F.	Oct. 21, 1856.			
Walter B.	Apr. 19, 1862.			
Clarence S.	Aug. 31, 1867.			

*Children of Thomas W. and Phebe W. Gardiner.*

James S.	May 27, 1851.
Mary E.	Nov. 6, 1853.
Carrie P.	Nov. 7, 1855.
Nellie R.	June 10, 1859.

*Children of William H. and Lydia A. Potter.*

Lucy A.	July 18, 1856.	George Jencks.	Oct. 9, 1878.
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*Children of Isaac M. and Josephine E. Potter.*

Gladys A.	Dec. 4, 1883.
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*Children of James A. and Mary F. Potter.*

Lydia H.	May 5, 1850.	Charles Holman.	Nov. 11, 1884.
William A.	Nov. 1, 1851.	Mary Hollingsworth.	Mar. 15, 1876.
Amey H.	July 2, 1854.	July 12, 1856.	
Charles F.	Mar. 4, 1857.	Leonora E. Sayles.	Aug. 1879.
Hattie E.	Oct. 29, 1860.	R. Dunn Lovejoy.	May 18, 1882.
Amey A.	Mar. 2, 1863.	Edward A. Farwell.	June 12, 1883.
Clara L.	May 8, 1868.	May 8, 1873.	



*Children of Charles H. and Amanda Potter.*

	CHILDREN	BORN.	DIED.	MARRIED.
8th Gen. <i>Continued.</i>	Frank F.	Sept. 13, 1859.		
	William A.	Apr. 14, 1861.		
	Charles H.	Dec. 7, 1863.		

*Children of Henry A. and Hannah L. Potter.*

Ralph S.	Dec. 10, 1871.		
Byron H.	Feb. 9, 1874.	Mar. 2, 1875.	

*Children of George N. and Amey E. Steere.*

George N.	Jan. 22, 1869.		
Mary E.	Feb. 22, 1871.	Sept. 12, 1871.	
William V.	Aug. 14, 1872.		
Edward H.	Feb. 18, 1875.	Mar. 12, 1875.	
Harry H.	Dec. 11, 1884.		

*Children of Edward P. and Elnora Harris.*

9th Gen.	Frank P.	Oct. 3, 1884.	
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*Children of Henry W. and Josephine E. Harris.*

Christine L.	Oct. 1, 1884.		
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*Children of Charles D. and C. Lizzie Griggs.*

Clarence E.	June 7, 1881.	June 16, 1881.	
Charles P.	Apr. 6, 1883.		

*Children of William H. and Annie Potter.*

Edward L.	July 7, 1883.		
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*Children of Charles and A. Nettie Potter.*

	CHILDREN.	BORN.	DIED.	MARRIED.
9th Gen.	Infant (daughter.)	Apr. 28, 1883.	May 1, 1883.	
<i>Continued.</i>	Edgar S.	Dec. 25, 1884.		

*Children of William and Mary E. Webber.*

Samuel H.	Aug. 2, 1863.
Kate H.	Oct. 22, 1864.
Rebecca.	May 22, 1869.

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*Children of James C. and Sarah Harris.*

J. Lauren.	June 6, 1863.
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*Children of George H. and Mary E. Coles.*

Eva C.	Aug. 4, 1856.	Oct. 1, 1860.
George K.	Jan. 12, 1860.	
William.	May 4, 1865.	June 16, 1865.
Charles A.	Aug. 29, 1866.	
Harry.	Oct. 30, 1873.	Aug. 18, 1883.

*Children of Asa C. and Hattie Keifer.*

May.	May 29, 1874.
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*Children of W. R. and Sarah J. Brandrieff.*

Willie R.	Nov. 2, 1872.	July 20, 1874.
Henrietta K.	Aug. 27, 1875.	
George K.	Sept. 27, 1877.	

*Children of Samuel G. and Clarissa P. Sweet.*

Infant.

*Children of James and Mary J. Aldrich.*

	CHILDREN.	BORN.	DIED.	MARRIED.
9th Gen.	William S.	May 29, 1854.		
Continues.	Franklin E.	July 6, 1861.		Mary B. Williams.

*Children of Hiram W. Jr. and Elsy A. Potter.*

Clara S.	Oct. 8, 1854.	Alphonso L. Sweet.
Eva Estelle.	June 27, 1856.	Lucien Searles.
Ida Adelle.	June 27, 1856.	James Warren, Jr.

*Children of Charles J. and Elsy A. (Potter) Greene.*

Infant.	Feb. 15, 1866.
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*Children of Charles H. and Susie E. Aldrich.*

Emily M.	Mar. 1, 1883.
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*Children of James F. and Phebe Smith.*

Eliza F.	Mar. 8, 1866. Nov. 20 1882.
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*Children of Henry S. and Annie Smith.*

Arthur F.	July 7, 1868.
Annie B.	May 7, 1871.

*Children of Edwin A. and Hattie J. Smith.*

Florence D.	Mar. 13, 1885.
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*Children of Cyril A. and Emma F. Babcock.*

Henry C.	May 31, 1874.
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*Children of Job A. and Julia Armstrong.*

	CHILDREN.	BORN.	DIED.	MARRIED.
<b>9th Gen.</b>	Frank H.	Apr. 22, 1858.		Lydia Nicholson.
<i>Continued.</i>	Hattie H.	Sept. 4, 1862.		
	Earl D.	Feb. 4, 1873.		

*Children of William S. and Nancy L. Armstrong.*

Jessie F.	Apr. 7, 1862.	
Lydia W.	Jan. 11, 1867.	Aug. 10, 1867.
Addie M.	Sept. 9, 1869.	
William S. Jr.	Apr. 19, 1877.	

*Children of William H. and Charlotte B. Angell.*

Grace C.	Apr. 28, 1884.
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*Children of George and Lucy B. Jencks.*

Anne E.	Oct. 1, 1879.
William L.	Oct. 18, 1881.

*Children of R. Dunn and Hattie E. Lovejoy.*

Azael R.	Feb. 5, 1884.
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*Children of Charles F. and Leonora E. Potter.*

Edwin J.	Mar. 17, 1884.
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*Children of Franklin E. and Mary B. Aldrich.*

<b>10th Gen.</b>	Frank E.	Mar. 9, 1883.
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*Children of James, Jr. and Ida P. Warren.*

Ida M.	Aug. 9, 1878.
Harold P.	Sept. 19, 1884.

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